

*The Wonderful Confirmation of the Succession of the Kingdom of Christ at 1697, Deriv'd from the 42 Moons of the Beast, then Ending; Given by Prophecy, so as to be Calculated according to the Famous Cycle of the Moon, styl'd, the Golden Number, found out first by the Famous Athenian Astronomer, Meton, about the Year of the World, 3574. Embraced by the Fathers of the Nicene Council, about the Year of our Lord 325. for the settling their Antipaschal, or Easter, suppos'd to the True Christian Paschal of the Lord's Supper, and of the Lord's Day, Ordained by Christ: Digested into these Propositions following.*

*Proposition 1.*

**I**T is evident Letter of Scripture That the Comprehensive Line of Time from Cyrus to the Kingdom of Christ, or to the Sanctuary Cleans'd; Given by Daniel very early, c. 8. (and therefore must needs comprize in it the 1260 Days, and 42 Months) is compos'd into Eves, and so hath a Seed of Moons in them, as Time of the Night.

*Prop. 2.* It is also as evident Letter of Scripture; That the Prophecy of the Revelation Assigns Forty Two Moons to the Gentiles, and Forty Two Moons to the Beast, as Time of the Night, to the Children of the Night, and of Darkness. *Rev. 11. 3. c. 13. 5.*

*Prop. 3.* The same Prophecy hath out of the 2300 Morns in the same Vision of Daniel, assign'd 1260 Days to the Witnesses, and to the Woman the Church, as Time of the Sun, and of the Day, as to the Children of the Light, and of the Day. *c. 11. 3. c. 12.*

*Prop. 4.* The Moon is said by the Psalmist, *Psal. 104. 19.* to be Appointed for Seasons, in their great Variety, according to the many Wandrings of its Motion; But the Sun \* *knows its Going down*, according to the Certainty and Steadiness of its Motion, and Constancy to its own Path; Words very little differ-

differing from that saying of the Wise; *The Sun knows its and is firm to it* ; *The Moon doth not so.*

*Prop. 5.* Accordingly, as the 1260 Days, settled by the Spirit of Prophecy, as the sure and steady Gauge of Time, so the Moons are fitted by the same Spirit of Prophecy, to describe some Unevennesses, and Inequalities in the State of the *Apostacy*; viz. such as arise from the *Beast's* not coming into his Succession so soon as the *Apostacy* began: To define which Time, and what space it was, and how it was supplied and born up, the Moons of the *Gentiles*, and of the *Beast*, are of most peculiar, particular, and especial Use.

*Prop. 6.* One of the greatest Performances of *Astronomy*, assisted by him who *Teacheth Man Knowledge*, hath been to Adjust the Time of the Moon to the Time of the Sun, that there might be both a double Character, and Assurance of Time, as by knowing, not only what Year of the Sun, but what proportionable Time of the Moon Answered to that of the Sun, that there might be by the compare a Proportioning any Time Depending on the Moon to that of the Sun.

This, after several former Attempts, that fail'd, was perfected by *Meton*, near the Beginning of *Daniel's Weeks*, and received by All the Knowing World since; and Celebrated by that Great Name of the *Golden Number*, or the *Decem-Novennal Cycle*, the *Cycle of Nineteen Years*: By which it is certainly found, the Motion of the Sun takes up a Thirty Third Part more than the Moon, apply it to whatsoever part of Time: Apply it then to 1260 Days of Years of the Sun, 42 Moons are 38 Days of Years less than the 1260. But besides, by applying the Proportions of the *Golden Number* to Any Year, either of the Sun, or of the Moon, of which we have the certain *Epoch*, or Time of Commencement, or to any part of the same Year, we may equal the Times of the Sun and of the Moon to one another, by taking away a Thirty Third part of the Sun's Time; or, which is most Natural, by Adding a Thirty Third part to the Moon, because the Sun's Motion is the most steady Gauge of Time. And this is done by Adding an Allowed or Granted Proportion of Time, as if it were Real Time, and placing it as we find fittest for our purpose; but under this Caution, if it be publick Time, it must be

be by publick Agreement, as we double every Fourth Year a Day in the Latter End of the Twelfth Month, *we, too Pagan-like,* call *February*; not that so much is due to that Year Alone, but to every one of the Four Years, *Fourth* part, to keep the Course of Time somewhat near equal. And this is call'd *Intercalation*. And thus *Maimonides*, to adjust the *Jewish New Moons*, to the Time of the *Pasover*, allows Seven *Intercalary Moons*, to Seven Years in every Nineteen, *viz.* 3, 6, 8, 11, 14, 17, 19th, year.

And to the very same purpose, the Entering *Antichristian Apostacy*, even at the Time of the *Nicene Council*, made the same Use of this *Cycle*, and took it in : as Thought : into the Service of Christianity; when they were growing then to be the *Synagogue of Sathan*, saying, They are *Jews* in observing a *Pasch*, or *Easter*, in Remembrance of the Death and Resurrection of Christ; but are not, but do Lie; For Christ ordain'd the *Lord's Supper*, and the *Lord's Day* on purpose to Fore-prize such Humane Institutions upon Time : But however, this Golden Number hath herein all the Confirmation that can be, it being wonderfully Order'd by Providence; Time of the Moon should be made so Remarkable in such a Solemnity as that of *Easter*, so great in the Antichristian Synagogue, and on which in *Victor*, the first Effort of Antichrist Fell; and which is yet Retain'd in Protestant Churches, that did not Reform lower than that *Synagogue*, Rising in that *Nicene Council*.

*Prop. 7.* There is just Reason, seeing the Spirit of God hath positively Nam'd *Moons*, taken out of the 2300 *Eves*, (which must needs be the Time therefore of the Moon) to observe where the *Beast's Moons* begin, and where they end. The Succession of the *Beast* to the *Seventh King*, but no *Head*; is so positively declared, *Rev. 17.* that it can be no way doubted or denied. For that Those *Seven Heads* are *Heads* of the *Roman Government and City*; Even the most Zealous *Romanists*, that are Judicious, neither do nor can so much as call into Question; and hath been fully made out; as also, That the Law of Succession requires, That the \* *God's Heads and Kings* should not enterfere, but come orderly, one *Call out* after the other. \* So then the *Beast*, that was the *Eighth of Pa-* *King*, must immediately succede the *Seventh*, but not en- *bylon.* *terfere.*

referre with him , or come before he was wholly Gone off.

*Augustulus* then being the Last of those Christian Emperors of *Rome*, who made up the *Seventh King*, when he went off, immediately the *Eighth King* came on, at 38 years after, the 1260 days of years began, or at Just Two Nineteens, Order'd by Providence, to Lead by the *Golden Number*, to Time of the Moon.

That being at 475. ending , and in the Year 476. the proportion of *Lunar Time* will Allow but 1222 Years to the *Forty Two Months of Years* : So then hereby it is most certainly known, that the *Beast's* Reign must End at 1697 For so 1222 Added to 475 make. And thus that so Celebrated *Golden Number* Assures the Kingdom of Christ in its Succession at 1697. seeing the same Law of Succession holds in the Kingdom of Christ, that, as in all Successions, Admits no Gap.

And then according to the Law of *Intercalation*, the *Beast's* Months are supplied by the *Gentiles* Months ; because the *Beast* had *Time, Times and Half a Time* ; \* and he not coming into Succession time enough for that *Time, Times and Half a Time*, the Months of the *Gentiles*, as his People, intercalate, or supply the *Beast's* Months ; where they are to be supplied, and where there is Supply ready for them \* : And then the *Gentiles* Months become one with the *Beast's*, as they must needs ; because Power was given to him over *Tongues, People and Nations*, as the *Time, Times, Half Time* were given to Him also.

Thus every way that Great Position, That the Kingdom of Christ shall be in its Succession 1697. is Assured to us, and this way particularly, I cannot but look upon it assured beyond any Possibility of Doubt ; For we do but thus plainly Reckon ; The *Beast's* Moons or Months Begin 475 Ending, They can, as Time of the Moon or Eves of years, make no more than 1222 years ; These from 475. end therefore with the 1260 days of years at 1697. And therefore I heartily pray, we may take notice, the Kingdom of God is come nigh to us.

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